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Subject: City Service Road – Libby
MT File No. 65.71.626.01
Change in Approach Location

Dear Mr. Hammons,

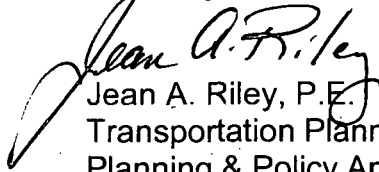
Information for this change in approach location was sent to the Montana Department of Transportation (MDT) and has been transferred to the Systems Impact Action Process (SIAP). The MDT staff has reviewed the conceptual design for Riverfront Park. Additional information is required before the change in the existing City Service Road can be granted. Listed below are our comments, concerns, and required information.

- Please provide detailed design plans for the approach including cross sections. The approach must be designed to accommodate a WB-67 vehicle without encroachment into any other traffic lanes (on the approach or MT 37). This must be verified by showing truck turning movements on a scaled plan sheet.
- The landing area on the new approach must meet MDT design standards. The landing must slope downward from the intersection on a gradient not to exceed 3%. The length of the landing area must be at least 75 feet.
- The fill slopes for the new approach road appear to be within the clear zone. The design must include guardrail on MT 37 and at least through the landing area on the approach road. It is recommended that the guardrail be placed behind the sidewalk as to not impact the sight triangle. The guardrail design for MT 35 and the approach road landing area must meet MDT design standards.
- The construction area may be contaminated as this approach road is within a designated superfund area. MDT staff requires additional information on the method and phasing of the cleanup plan. This information is required prior to MDT staff evaluating the cleanup procedure.
- If there is a requirement to remove material from the existing roadway slopes, MDT staff must review and approve any work within the MDT right-of-way.
- There may be additional requirements once the design plans are submitted. The approval of the design may take multiple reviews.

- If you are working with EPA on this project, a scoping meeting may be appropriate to determine what is necessary to protect the MDT facility and the bridge structures.

If you have any questions concerning the above comment and concerns, please contact me at (406) 444-9456 or email at jriley@mt.gov.

Sincerely,



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